

CHAPTER 2.34**CITY PLANNING COMMISSION**

(3253-11/94, 3418-6/99)

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2.34.010 Commission established. There is hereby established a Planning Commission in and for the City of Huntington Beach which shall be known as the Planning Commission of the City of Huntington Beach. The authority to create a Planning Commission is derived from the Huntington Beach City Charter Section 405. (3253-11/94)

2.34.020 Duties. The duties of the Planning Commission shall be as provided in the California *Government Code* Title 7, as may be amended, and as provided by ordinance of the City of Huntington Beach. (3253-11/94)

In addition to powers and duties specified in the *Government Code*, the Planning Commission shall have the power and be required to: (3253-11/94)

- (a) Recommend to the City Council after a public hearing thereon, the adoption, amendment or repeal of a master or general plan, or any part thereof, for guidance in the physical development of the city. (3253-11/94)
- (b) Exercise such functions with respect to land subdivisions as shall be provided by the Subdivision Map Act, and by ordinance not inconsistent with the provisions of the Charter. (3253-11/94)
- (c) Exercise such functions with respect to zoning, building, land use, precise plans, specific plans, and related matters which may be prescribed by ordinance not inconsistent with the provisions of the Charter. (3253-11/94)
- (d) Perform such other functions not inconsistent with the Charter as may be delegated to it by the City Council. (3253-11/94)

2.34.030 Records of commission. Accurate and permanent records of the acts of the commission shall be kept, and such records shall have the same status as records of other administrative departments of the city. (3253-11/94)

2.34.040 Members. The Planning Commission shall consist of seven (7) members who shall be residents of the city and shall not be officers or employees of the city. (3253-11/94)

2.34.050 Appointment. Each member of the City Council shall appoint one member to the Planning Commission. (3253-11/94)

2.34.060 Term. Each member of the Planning Commission shall serve a four (4) year term commencing on January 1 following a general municipal election at which the appointing Councilmember was elected. In the event the office of any appointing Councilmember becomes vacant during the term thereof, the term of the Planning Commissioner appointed by such Councilmember shall terminate thirty (30) days after such vacancy occurs. Following expiration of his/her term of office, each member of the Planning Commission shall continue to serve until his/her successor is appointed and qualified. Members of the Planning Commission may be removed by the Councilmember of which he/she is the appointee, upon announcement of such removal at a regular City Council meeting; provided, however, that no member of the Planning Commission may be removed prior to January 1 following any general municipal election. (3253-11/94, 3418-6/99)

2.34.070 Vacancies. Vacancies in the Planning Commission shall be filled by appointment by the City Councilmember or his successor, who made the appointment which is vacated. (3253-11/94)

2.34.080 Temporary absences. Any Planning Commissioner who, because of health reasons, or prolonged absence from the City, shall notify the Councilmember of which he is the appointee, and such Councilmember may appoint an acting commissioner to serve during the period the appointee is to be absent. The acting commissioner shall meet all the requirements of the appointed Planning Commissioner. (3253-11/94)

2.34.090 Bylaws. The Planning Commission shall adopt such bylaws and rules as it deems necessary to provide for its officers and their method of selection, time and place of meetings and for such other matters relative to its work and administration of its duties which are not otherwise provided for by statute or ordinance. (3253-11/94)

2.34.100 Advisors. The Planning Commission may request attendance at its meetings of any officer or employee of the city to assist the Commission in its deliberations in an advisory capacity but who shall not have the authority to vote upon any matter being considered by the Commission. (3253-11/94)

2.34.110 Assistance for Commission. The Commission may make such investigations, employ such city help, secure such advice, and have prepared such plans and reports as it may deem necessary to perform its duties and functions. (3253-11/94)

2.34.120 Compensation. Members of the Planning Commission may receive compensation for their service. Said compensation shall be set by resolution of the City Council. (3253-11/94)